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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Senate Bill No. 391 by Senator Riser

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

HEALTH/ACC INSURANCE. Exempts La. Medicaid programs from insurers who may be taxed by a municipal or parochial corporation. (7/1/12)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Add that the premiums paid by an insurer by Louisiana Medicaid programs shall be exempt from local taxes.
2. Change from July 1, 2012 to August 16, 2012 as the date for termination of the authorization for municipal or parochial corporations to impose taxes on insurers.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Change from June 30, 2012 to August 15, 2012 for any municipality or parochial corporation which imposed the local tax to retain the authority to renew that existing tax.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law permits any municipal or parochial corporation in the state to impose a tax on any insurer engaged in the business of issuing any form of insurance except for programs or benefits administered through the office of group benefits. Provides that the tax shall not be more than \$10 on gross annual premiums up to \$2000 and the additional tax thereafter shall not be more than \$70 on each \$10,000 of gross annual premiums in excess of \$2000. Further provides that the maximum tax shall not exceed \$21,000 on any one insurer.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that premiums paid to an insurer by Louisiana Medicaid programs shall be exempt from the tax imposed in present law.

Proposed law provides that for a municipal or parochial corporation which has not imposed a tax pursuant to present law on or before August 15, 2012, the authorization for the tax shall cease effective August 16, 2012. Further provides that a municipal or parochial corporation which imposed the tax pursuant to present law on or before August 15, 2012, shall retain the authority to renew that existing tax up to the limits in present law.

Effective July 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 22:833(A)(1); adds R.S. 22:833(E))